

Application No. 10/696,532  
Amendment filed with RCE

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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Naobumi OKADA  
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AND METHOD  
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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, and in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 16, 2006. The term for response is extended by two months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on March 19, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 7, 12, 18 and 23 are amended, and claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-17, 19-22 and 24-36 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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Dated: March 20, 2006

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